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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	]	
Masafumi Okuma et al.	]	Art Unit 2839
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Serial No. 10/074,377	]	Examiner Chandrika Prasad
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Filed: February 11, 2002	]	
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For: PLASTIC OPTICAL FIBER	]	Attorney Docket: 1-15682
FERRULE AND METHOD FOR	]	
MAKING THE SAME	]	

September 4, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Sir:

In the Office Action dated August 5, 2003, received in the above-identified application, the Examiner indicated that the application contained claims directed to more than one species of the invention, and required the election under 35 USC §121 of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims will be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Examiner stated that there are currently no generic claims.

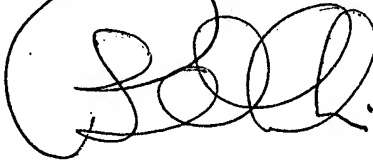
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In order to comply with 35 USC §121, Applicants hereby elect the following species for prosecution on the merits: Group V Figure 7.

The claims readable on the elected species are claims 1, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13.

An action on the merits of claims 1,3,9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 is respectively requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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